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1. EMBASSY GRATEFUL FOR EFFORTS OF ALL CONCERNED TO
ARRANGE NAVAL VISIT TO CONAKRY MAY 21. THIS WILL BE
FIRST SUCH VISIT IN MANY YEARS AND WILL BE SIGNIFICANT
POLITICAL GESTURE IN PRESENT CONTEXT. AS ADDRESSEES
AWARE, CONAKRY PORT IS USED EXTENSIVELY BY SOVIET
FLEET.

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2. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTING CONFIRMATION PRESIDENT

SEKOU TOURE'S APPROVAL FOR VISIT AND TIMING. EMBASSY
REMAINS FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT PRESIDENT WILL AGREE.
WILL ADVISE.

3. EMBASSY IS PLANNING MAJOR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
TO COINCIDE WITH SHIP VISIT. THIS WILL INCLUDE LARGE
RECEPTION (PERHAPS 500 OR 600 PERSONS INCLUDING HIGH-
RANKING GUINEAN OFFICIALS) PROBABLY FOR EVENING MAY 22.
THIS CELEBRATION WILL REPLACE USUAL NATIONAL DAY RE-
CEPTION. WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD COUNT ON LOGIS-
TICAL SUPPORT FROM USS CAPODANNO IN BRINGING US SUPPLIES
FOR THIS RECEPTION, ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS. WOULD THERE-
FORE APPRECIATE KNOWING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ROUTING AND
PREVIOUS VISITS OF USS CAPODANNO PRIOR TO ARRIVAL CONAKRY.
IF CAPODANNO COMING FROM US PORT, WOULD OF COURSE
GREATLY SIMPLIFY THESE MATTERS.

4. FOR USS CAPODANNO: AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE,
VISIT TO CONAKRY WILL BE FAR FROM EASY. IN VIEW
POLITICAL IMPORTANCE EMBASSY WILL MAKE EXTRAORDINARY
EFFORTS TO ASSURE SUCCESS OF VISIT. EMBASSY WILL BE
IN TOUCH WITH YOU IN MORE DETAIL AS SOON VISIT APPROVED.
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